COMMITTEE: Admission and Retention Policies Committee
MEETING DATE: Monday, December 3, 2012
PERSON PRESIDING: David Durant
REGULAR MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Allison Danell, Michael Duffy, Scott Curtis, Katie Walsh, Mary Nyangweso
EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: John Given, Amy Frank, John Fletcher, Jayne Geissler
OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Mark Sprague

ACTIONS OF MEETING

Agenda Item: Discussion with Mark Sprague regarding memo dated Nov. 5, 2012, from Faculty Senate Officers regarding New Plus/Minus Grading System

Discussion: Dr. Sprague discussed with the committee the complications associated with implementing the new grading system. He acknowledged that it has been difficult to clearly communicate, via memos and other avenues of communication, the use of the system. He affirmed that faculty members have the academic freedom to adopt any grading scale, and that faculty should follow the grading scales published in their syllabi when assigning grades for Fall 2012. The committee also discussed the variability in grade standards being implemented across colleges and even departments in the same college. Some units require Cs or above for students to be allowed to declare a major or progress in a curriculum, while others allow C- grades. The division between C and C- grades will likely concern faculty and students alike because of the effect C- grades may have on advising, retention, financial aid, etc.

Action Taken: The committee may draft a guide to share with faculty that could educate faculty on implications of the new grading system on policies such as the grade replacement policy. The guide could also include an overview of catalog changes being implemented that may help departments and colleges set common grade or GPA thresholds. The committee chair has already prepared a list of talking points he has shared with affected units on campus, so he will distribute that via email to committee members to serve as a starting point for such a guide.

Assigned Additional Duties To: David Durant

Agenda Item: Discussion of proposed revisions to the Admission and Retention Policies Committee charge

Discussion: The committee reviewed the revisions made to our charge. The revisions center on incorporating graduate school/student issues into the committee’s charge. Committee members recognized that this would streamline committee work across campus to include similar undergraduate and graduate issues, but are concerned about the increase in workload. It was also noted that no graduate student member from the
appropriate graduate student organization was named as an ex-officio member. The committee suggests that paragraph 2 of the charge be so amended.

**Actions Taken:** The above points will be shared with the Committee on Committees.

**Additional Duties Assigned To:** David Durant

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**Next meeting date:**
Monday, January 14, 2013, at 4:00 in 142 Rawl Annex (pending room reservation)

**Items to be discussed:**
- Review curriculum plans and programs that may prevent students from earning degrees with distinction because of the relatively few hours required for completion of the plan at ECU.
- Presentation on university retention and admission data by Jayne Geissler.

**Adjourned:** 4:55